



## **U.S. Southern Command Guidance Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) Covid-19 Preventative Measures**

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID19 transmission to detainees and service members at JTF-GTMO, the Commander, U.S. Southern Command has implemented the following procedures for all individuals requesting access to JTF-GTMO facilities. These precautionary measures apply to anyone entering the JTF area. This guidance adheres to and supplements current Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Defense (DoD) guidance. JTF-GTMO medical facilities are capable of isolating, quarantining, and treating detainees as medically required.

- Minimum 14-day quarantine of all JTF-GTMO personnel and visitors seeking access to JTF-GTMO, upon arrival on-island. Access to JTF-GTMO is authorized after completion of the quarantine period and medical review by JTF-GTMO medical staff (no temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees/symptom free).
- Guard force/medical staff/visitors must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by JTF-GTMO when within six feet of any detainee or detainee accessible area (i.e. face mask, eye protection, gloves). Removal of the PPE in violation of this requirement at any time by a visitor will be cause for cancellation of the visit.
- Medical checks of all guard force members and visitors prior to entering camps will be conducted by JTF-GTMO personnel. Guards/Medical staff will deny access to anyone with a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees or exhibiting symptoms.
- Guard force will sanitize all items prior to entry into the detainee camps, to include any item the detainee is expected to have contact with. This includes recreational items, food containers, movement vehicles, and comfort items. Detainee meals will be provided exclusively by JTF-GTMO and outside food and drinks are not currently permitted in meetings with detainees.
- Minimize incidental contact with detainees and/or their living/recreational spaces.
- Provide educational material and instruct JTF-GTMO personnel on specific COVID-19 hygienic preventative measures and provide/implement Naval Station Guantanamo Bay directed instructions and policies. Provide the same level of instruction to the detainees. Include procedures outlined in CDC COVID-19 and DoD guidelines, to include: hand washing, social distancing, motor vehicle passenger distancing, proper wear of PPE, and disinfecting techniques and procedures. Translate material as required.
- Cease use of shared recreation yard until further notice. Detainees can continue to utilize their block specific recreation space.
- Provide detainees PPE and inform detainees they can self-isolate at their request.
- Develop procedures for exceptions to these requirements applicable on a case by case basis if necessary, in emergency situations.

### **JTF-GTMO Guard Force Preventative Measures (In addition to the above)**

- Strictly adhere to all CDC and DoD guidelines to reduce risk of COVID transmission.
- Ensure all personnel report recent travel and/or possible COVID-19 exposure.
- Limit physical contact, practice enhanced personal hygiene, maintain social distancing, and utilize PPE (to include wearing of face masks) in all JTF-GTMO areas of operation.
- Stagger food service hours and establish meal rotations in order to facilitate social distancing/physical separation at dining facilities and food preparation areas. Limit food service to take-away options only.
- Implement alternate work schedules to reduce work-area congestion.

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